



# \*\*\*DRAFT\*\*\* News Release **#33**

## December 14, 2019

**Port Arthur, Texas** – There has been no significant change in response efforts since News Release #33. Unified Command continues to focus on activities to secure site equipment and minimize impact to the environment, while preserving the safety of emergency responders and the community.

With oversight by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), TPC Group continues to conduct air monitoring, air sampling and surface water sampling activities in the community. Any reduction in the air monitoring/sampling activities would require TCEQ State on Scene Command approval, as U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) transitioned environmental response oversight authority to the TCEQ on Friday (December 13).

Air monitoring samples continue to confirm no actionable levels of butadiene in the community. Additionally, water samples confirm no impact to drinking water quality.

**Traffic Update:** Traffic updates will continue to be provided as available. Click for a [ [HYPERLINK "https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/tpc.holdings/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2019/12/09161544/20191209-Road-Closures-Overview-Map\\_JIC.jpg"](https://s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/tpc.holdings/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2019/12/09161544/20191209-Road-Closures-Overview-Map_JIC.jpg) ]. The latest traffic information follows:

**Open** - Grigsby Avenue at Spur 136

**Closed** - Portions of Spur 136 near TPC Port Neches Operations remain closed, including:

- Intersection of Spur 136 at Highway 366
- Spur 136 to Highway 366 in front of TPC Port Neches Operations
- Highway 366 between Spur 136 & Park Street

### **Public Information Update:**

Unified Command will continue to post updates and information online at these pages:

On the web: [ [HYPERLINK "http://www.portnechesresponse.com/"](http://www.portnechesresponse.com/) ]

Facebook: [ [HYPERLINK "http://www.facebook.com/PortNechesUC"](http://www.facebook.com/PortNechesUC) ]

Twitter: @PortNechesUC

U.S. EPA: [ [HYPERLINK "http://www.response.epa.gov/south4groupfire"](http://www.response.epa.gov/south4groupfire) ]

TCEQ: [ [HYPERLINK "https://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/tpc-incident"](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/tpc-incident) ]